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Police seek suspect in sex assault

ATTACK Ottawa police are seeking a suspect after investigating the report of a sexual assault in the city's west end yesterday.

At 10:15 a.m., police say a woman in her 40s answered the door in the 100 block of Dalehurst Drive, where there was a male wearing a ski mask and armed with a knife.

Police said a struggle ensued and the woman was tied up and inappropriately touched before the male fled the scene.

The woman suffered minor cuts and abrasions.

Police are now seeking a dark-skinned male who stands six-foot-two with a heavy build and speaks English with an accent.

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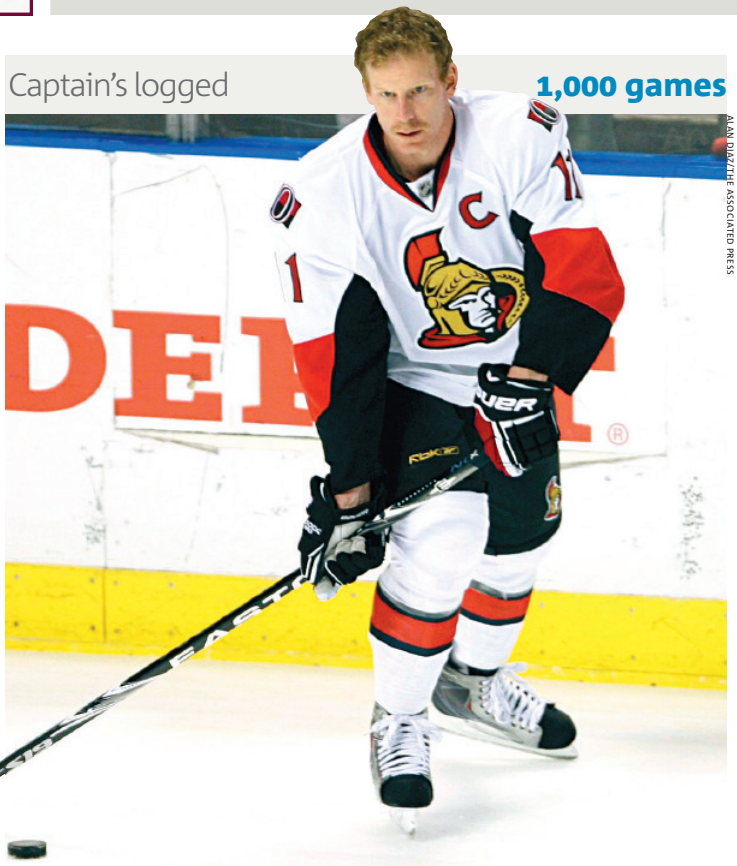

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Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson warms up before his 1,000th game last night. The Swedish native earned an assist during the Senators' win over the Florida Panthers 5-2 during NHL hockey action in Sunrise, Fla. The victory marked the team's seventh win in eight games. More coverage, page 14.

'She has opened a lot of doors'

Haitian fans hoping for Jean's return as governor general

The capital might be chattering about who will be the next governor general, but Michaëlle Jean's substantial fan club in Haiti would like to see her stay.

Jean is a beloved figure of success in her country of birth, and has been a high-profile champion of support and assistance for Haiti in the aftermath of January's earthquake.

As Jean opened a two-day conference yesterday on rebuilding the Caribbean nation, Haitian leaders confessed to some chagrin at seeing her term draw to a close this fall.

It's not unusual for a governor general to have his or her mandate extended, but it is widely believed Prime Minister Stephen Harper is already seeking her successor.

"She has opened a lot of doors for us and she's been our messenger, and we've been taking advantage of that," said Port-au-Prince Mayor Jean-Yves Jason.

"If the government is listening, I'd tell them to renew the mandate of Michaëlle Jean."

Haitian diplomats stopped short of saying they'd like to see her term renewed, but underlined her important role in bringing attention to their country and its issues.

Jean fled the Duvalier regime as a child in the late 1960s and relocated to Quebec.

The Prime Minister's Office said it had no comment about whether a definitive decision had been made against renewing Jean's five-year mandate.

Speculation about who might be on the shortlist to replace her includes athlete and spinal cord research advocate Rick Hansen and Inuit Leader Mary Simon.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, after a speech yesterday at the University of Ottawa.

Accused in cop killing fires lawyer

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TRIAL A suspended RCMP officer charged in the stabbing death of an Ottawa police officer fired his lawyer yesterday, pushing back his preliminary hearing dates indefinitely.

Kevin Gregson, who appeared at the Ottawa courthouse by video remand yesterday afternoon, advised his lawyer, Israel Gencher, that he didn't require his services any longer, but didn't give his reasons.

When asked by the judge if he was sure, and told the move would "slow things up significantly," Gregson — who was dressed in orange prison garb, his short brown hair combed back — replied, "yes, I'm positive, ma'am."

Gregson said, "my parents are attending here on Friday and I'll get another lawyer on that date."

Gregson's next appearance is by video remand at 1:30 p.m. on Monday.

The preliminary hearing dates, which were set for Oct. 12-15 and Oct. 18-22, were cancelled.

Gregson, 43, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Const. Eric Czapnik, 51, who died after he was stabbed Dec. 29 outside an Ottawa hospital.

"Given that he's indicated he has terminated my retainer, I don't feel that it's appropriate for me to make any comments whatsoever," Gencher told reporters outside the court.

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Suspects sought in home invasion

Ottawa police are looking to identify two males following a home invasion on Somerset Street last week. At 8:40 p.m. on March 31, two males forced their way into a home and stole an undisclosed amount of cash and a laptop computer. Police are seeking two French-speaking males in their 20s or early 30s. METRO OTTAWA

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News in brief

SHOWCASE The work of local artists Lynda Cronin and Michèle Provost will be featured in the corridors and lobby of the expanded Centerpointe Theatre.

FREE TALK Jack Bankowsky, co-curator of Pop Life, will speak about contemporary art, commerce, media and celebrity at a free public talk at the National Gallery of Canada tomorrow. METRO OTTAWA

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Is this the last summer for SuperEX?

Organization has financial concerns, councillor says it has no business plan

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After more than a century at Lansdowne Park, SuperEX will be held in the Glebe for the last time this summer, and it is close to being the last time anywhere.

Yesterday, the city's corporate services and economic development committee voted to use the $280,000 in rent fees from last year's event to help cover the cost of preparing a new site near the Rideau Carleton Raceway to host SuperEX in 2011.

The city had already promised not to collect any rent in 2010.

Without that financial support, Canadian Central Exhibition Association president Lyn Presley said there was a possibility it couldn't afford to host SuperEX this summer.

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"We have to exercise our responsibility to our members. We would have to seriously talk about it," said Presley. "It would be discussed and the board would make a decision."

According to CCEA past president Colin McSweeney, the group contributed $1.3 million to help renovate the Aberdeen Pavilion.

"We wouldn't be here today asking for a cent if we hadn't have done that," said McSweeney.

Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans expressed concern that the CCEA does not have a business plan to ensure it will be successful when it moves. "It's very worrisome for the city to be asked for more money, and more money, and more money, when there is no partner and no business plan," she said.

City's post-secondary institutions granted $18.7M

EDUCATION Five Ottawa schools will share a total of $18.7 million, Ontario's minister of training, colleges and universities announced at uOttawa yesterday.

The University of Ottawa will receive $11.8 million; Carleton University $2 million; Dominican University College $50,000; Algonquin College $3.9 million; and La Cité collégiale $939,000 as a part of the province's one-time supplementary funding of $155 million to help post-secondary institutions maintain their financial health, said Minister John Milloy.

"Today's announcement is about post-secondary education, but what it's really about is the economy, which is top of mind for everyone, I think, in the province of Ontario," said Milloy. "I think everyone recognizes that ours is an economy in transition.

"The only way that Ontario is going to emerge from this current economic storm stronger than ever is if we have the most skilled, highly educated workforce," he said.

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Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities John Milloy, right, announced that five Ottawa post-secondary institutions, including uOttawa, Carleton University, Dominican University College, Algonquin College and La Cité collégiale, will receive additional funding as part of a $155-million provincewide investment.

The recent speech from the throne set out "the very ambitious agenda," Milloy added, "of making sure 70 per cent of Ontarians have a post-secondary credential."

"It's really important … that we make sure education is front and centre of our economic plan because, at the end of the day, the students that we are acknowledging are going to be the engine of our economy and we have to make sure that we continue to invest in them," said Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi.

"We need to ensure that our post-secondary education institutions have the resources they need to accommodate this growth," said Ottawa-Vanier MPP Madeleine Meilleur.

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Homelessness question before council next week

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ELECTION Support for a referendum question on homelessness in this year's municipal election is scarce, but will still be discussed by city council next Wednesday.

As a way of making homelessness a major issue of the campaign, Alta Vista Coun. Peter Hume is hoping to have a question added to the ballot that would require the city to fund a homelessness reduction program.

If the question does get on the ballot and is approved by more than 50 per cent of voters, it would bind the next term of council to fund $5 million per year for the program.

The city's corporate services and economic development committee rejected the motion by a vote of 7-1. However, since it is an election-related issue, it will rise to council next week.

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Fat Cats to host open tryouts

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Bill Mackenzie has been involved with baseball for the last 35 years, the last 20 of which were in Ottawa.

And over the last decade or so, he's watched the local talent in the sport grow.

"There seems to be an improvement in local coaching and development," he said yesterday.

This weekend, Mackenzie expects to see the fruits of that work on the field at the Ottawa Stadium.

The head coach of the Ottawa Fat Cats has scheduled the first open tryout this Saturday to identify potential players for the semi-professional team.

Bill Mackenzie

"It's an open camp, so anybody can come and try out," said Mackenzie. Attendees will be separated into pitchers and position players to play a simulated game.

"We'll very quickly weed out those who can and can't play," said Mackenzie.

Although the team is allowed 25 players, Mackenzie wants to start the season at about 20. He already has a list of about 32 players being considered, but this is a chance for others to try out.

"I wouldn't be surprised it we got a number of roster players out of the tryouts on Saturday," he said.

The Fat Cats begin their 36-game season on the road May 8 against the Guelph Royals. The regular season will end July 18 and will be followed by playoff games.

The Fat Cats will be the city's third baseball team in four years, but Mackenzie believes they will be more successful than the Ottawa Rapidz or the Ottawa Lynx.

"We'll see a fair number of local players on the roster, so that will create local interest," he said.

The tryout is held at 11 a.m. Players are asked to wear baseball attire and bring their own gloves. Spectators are welcome.

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Canadian DVD bootlegger dies

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Canada

Lots of cynicism in new poll

Canadians have little confidence in either the Conservatives or Liberals to manage the economy, balance the books or reflect their values, a new poll suggests. Indeed, more Canadians picked "None of the above" and "Don't know" than chose any federal party on those key issues, according to The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey.

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News in brief

POLICING RCMP officers who guard Parliament Hill are being equipped with submachine guns to give them more stopping power should a gunman attack the heart of Canada's government. Security, which has already been significantly beefed up after a high-profile breach last December, will get another boost in the coming months when Mounties patrolling the Hill get the Heckler & Koch MP5 submachine gun. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FIRST NATIONS A study released yesterday suggests the health effects of mercury poisoning at a First Nations reserve in northwestern Ontario are worse now than in the 1970s. But while some environmental groups are calling for tighter guidelines, Premier Dalton McGuinty said he wants to take a good look at the report before deciding whether to act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Afghan prisoner probe kept hush-hush

INQUIRY The first two days of a probe into the handover of war prisoners in Afghanistan will be held behind closed doors.

The Military Police Complaints Commission has barred journalists, government officials and the general public from sitting in on its proceedings until Thursday.

The civilian-run military watchdog started its probe yesterday, but procedural wrangling stalled the panel from hearing its first witness.

The hearings were scheduled to resume in the afternoon, but a spokeswoman told reporters during a lunch break they would not be allowed back until Thursday morning.

"They will be behind closed doors for the remainder of today and tomorrow," Nancy-Ann Walker said in an email.

"The witnesses for today and tomorrow will not testify publicly."

The commission is investigating an allegation from Amnesty International Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

The groups say Canadian military police did not properly investigate officers responsible for directing the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities, allegedly at the risk of torture. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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New chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission, Glenn Stannard, listens yesterday as hearings resume related to a complaint about military police conduct in Afghanistan.

Tighten up online security: Researchers

Ottawa must take urgent action on cyberspace security, or risk becoming the next victim of a targeted attack by hackers using social media like Twitter to glean secret government or corporate information, Canadian researchers said yesterday.

The team of researchers from the University of Toronto and Ottawa-based SecDev Group released a report yesterday documenting a complex cyber espionage system of Chinese hackers. Twitter and email were among the tools used to access highly sensitive documents from the Dalai Lama's offices and national security data from India, they said.

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Premier hints at pay freeze for CEOs of government agencies
Dalton McGuinty raised the possibility of further pay freezes for public workers to help tackle Ontario's $21.3-billion deficit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scandal hits home

Overseas claims put Quebec order on defensive

A Roman Catholic order in Quebec is defending its reputation after a former French bishop claimed he was asked to take in one of its priests who was found guilty of sexually abusing children in the 1980s.

The one-time bishop of Évreux, Jacques Gaillot, told a Paris newspaper earlier this week he regretted appointing Denis Vadeboncoeur to head a parish in western France, where he was convicted in 2005 of child abuse.

"We were being helpful," Gaillot said in an interview with Le Parisien.

"We were asked to take in an undesirable priest and we agreed."

But Vadeboncoeur's old order in Quebec, the Religieux Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, denies it had anything to do with Vadeboncoeur's career being allowed to continue in France.

They said he went to France on his own initiative in 1987, two years after being given a 20-month sentence in Quebec for sexually assaulting children.

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Halifax **Running the economy**

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Nova Scotia Finance Minister Graham Steele gave his $9-billion deficit budget address at the legislature in Halifax yesterday. The NDP's plan included a two-point hike to the province's HST.

China-U.S. thaw good sign for G20

DIPLOMACY Repositioning by China and the United States over the past few days has vastly improved Canada's chances of holding a successful G20 summit in Toronto in June.

Recent moves suggest the two powers are taking concrete steps to defuse tensions and instead hash out their significant economic-policy differences under the auspices of the Group of 20 — raising the stakes for the summit in Toronto.

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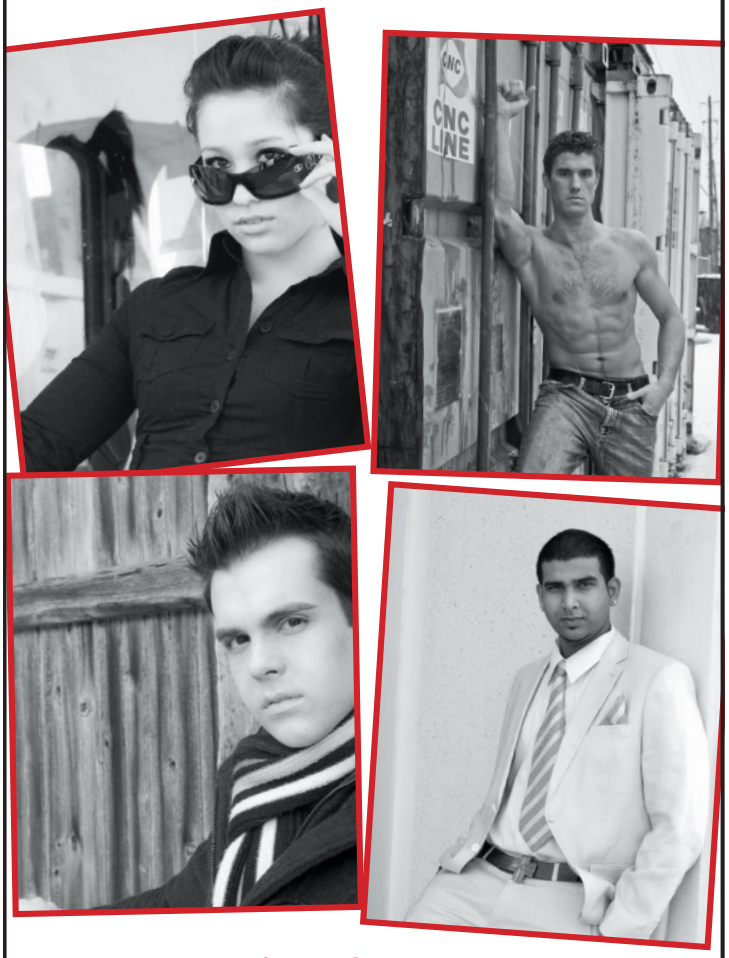

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Loonie dances with the Big Cheese

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One way to tell the strength of the Canadian dollar — the length of the lineup at the border.

Last weekend, it was three hours long at B.C.'s Peace Arch border crossing. It's hard to imagine anyone waiting three hours to buy discount cheese, but I admit there's something deeply satisfying about scoring a giant wedge of mellow yellow for about one-twelfth the cost at the local supermarket. A quick way to get in touch with your inner rodent.

As I write, I'm in the perfect place to view the loonie's run to parity with the U.S. dollar: The Mandalay Bay hotel, 14 floors above the Las Vegas strip with a view of the pyramid-shaped Luxor, that peculiar monument to the excess that was never ancient Egypt.

I flew down with a host of Canadian invaders on the day the loonie reached 99.9 cents US. Yesterday morning, for one brief shining moment, the two currencies were exactly equal. This is great news for the punters, who have experienced a 25 per cent increase in their buying power from a year ago. They are the lords and ladies of the slots, the buffet, and the outlet malls.

This dance of currencies is how Canadians keep score in our one-sided competition with our American cousins. But what does it mean, really? There's loose talk about how Canada's fundamentals are so good compared to the U.S.: Our deficit is lower, our exports are in greater demand, and we're nicer. Maybe that's true. But let's not forget that while our currencies are now equal, that's about it.

The U.S. ranks first in the world with a gross domestic product (GDP) of $14.27 trillion, while Canada barely squeaks into the top 10 with $1.4 trillion. The U.S. spends almost as much on its defence budget — $1.2 trillion.

It's a good time to pause and ask if we'd be feeling so pleased with ourselves if we weren't wrapped in a $1.2-trillion security blanket. Would our resources be so valuable and in such demand if we didn't have a reliable customer that always pays its bills? Ironically, much of the strength of our dollar versus theirs depends on their good graces.

I'm not arguing that "everything is good in America." Just spend 15 minutes strolling the legendary Vegas strip: It's a temple of unsustainability, not to mention cholesterol. Don't try this at home!

But let's not let the loonie lure us into a fool's paradise of our own. So, sit back, relax and wait your turn. It's a three-hour wait for the cheese.

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Word on the street: Are you cheering for Tiger Woods as he returns to golf at the Masters this week?

Darren McEwan
Ottawa
A: No. I'm not cheering against him. I'm just not cheering for him. I'm cheering for Mike Weir, a Canadian, to win it.

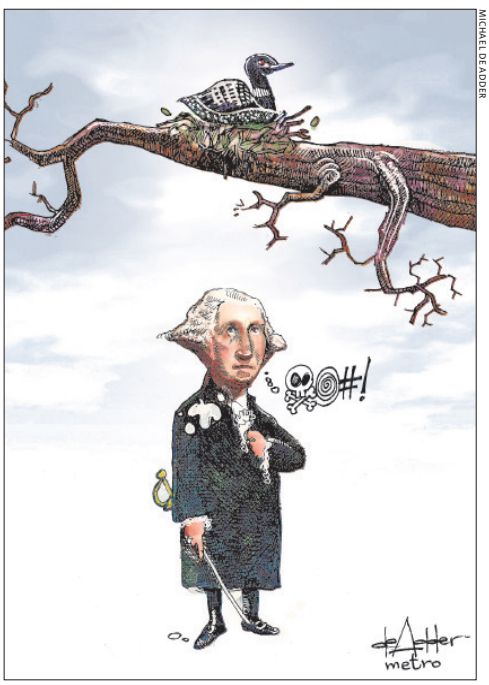
Lisa Weagle
Ottawa
A: He's the best. I'd like to see him have a triumphant return to golf.

Shyann Reynolds
Ottawa
A: Yes, because he had a rough relationship with his wife.

Sunny Deol
Burnaby, B.C.
A: No, I think he's a complete d-bag for everything he's done to his wife and kids.

Michael von Klitzing
Edmonton
A: I will be cheering for him. It will be the first time I am watching the Masters, and I'm looking just to see Tiger Woods' comeback. I'm excited to see how well he'll do, to see if he will choke or not.

Anna Hayes
Toronto
A: No, there are more important things happening in the world other than Tiger Woods' comeback. I don't care what he's done; he's not the first or the last.



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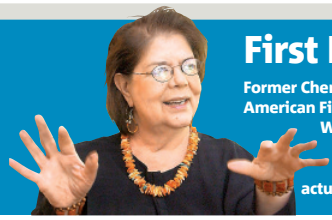

First Nations pioneer dies at 64

Former Cherokee Nation chief Wilma Mankiller, left, one of the few women ever to lead an American First Nations tribe, has died of cancer at 64. As chief, she took native issues to the White House and met with three presidents: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. She met snide remarks about her surname — a Cherokee military title — with humour, often delivering a straight-faced, "Mankiller is actually a well-earned nickname." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four workers still missing in mine

WEST VIRGINIA Governor Joe Manchin says rescue crews have started drilling to release gases at a mine in an attempt to make it safe to search for four miners who are missing.

Manchin said yesterday that rescue workers won't be able to explore the area until they are able to test the underground air for dangerous gases.

Chris Adkins, the chief operating officer for Massey Energy Co., says he expects the drilling to be complete as early as noon today. A huge underground explosion blamed on methane gas killed 25 miners in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1984, and rescuers yesterday began a dangerous and possibly futile attempt to rescue four others still missing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marriage drama has South Asia abuzz

Former Pakistan cricket team captain Shoaib Malik isn't the first professional athlete to receive unsolicited pictures from an admiring female fan.

Mirza

Malik

But his decision to marry his romantic pursuer — sight unseen — surely sets him apart. In 2002, Malik was a rising star in Pakistan cricket when he agreed to recite marriage vows over the phone with Ayesha Siddiqui — the two had never met. Eight years on, Malik's baffling move is stoking a media frenzy throughout South Asia and threatening to sideline a highly anticipated Indian celebrity wedding this month.

News of Malik's bizarre marriage emerged after his family confirmed recently that the 28-year-old is scheduled to marry Indian tennis star Sania Mirza, 23, two months after they first met. Siddiqui, 29, wants an official divorce, and has filed a police complaint accusing Malik of cheating and criminal intimidation.

For his part, Malik admits he did marry Siddiqui over the phone after they exchanged photographs. But those photos, he insists, turned out to be of someone else, a younger, prettier woman.

The highly charged drama has dominated Indian and Pakistani TV news coverage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

EARTHQUAKE A 7.7 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra early today, prompting a brief tsunami warning and sending residents rushing for higher ground. There were no immediate reports of widespread damage. The Indonesia Meteorology and Geophysics Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu issued tsunami warnings following the quake, but lifted them two hours later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man charged with arson at topless coffee shop

Fire investigators in Maine say a man is being charged with setting a fire that destroyed the topless coffee shop where his girlfriend worked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CLIMBER A 13-year-old California boy plans to try to climb Mount Everest in a quest to reach the summits of the highest peaks on all continents. If Jordan Romero succeeds, he'll become the youngest person to conquer the world's highest mountain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New nuclear option

Obama rewrites U.S. policy on use of weapons

U.S. President Barack Obama vowed yesterday to constrain the use of the nation's Cold War-era nuclear arsenal, part of a bold but politically risky move aimed at discouraging nuclear technology from spreading.

Obama's plan, a sharp departure from his predecessor's policy, is a bid to play down the threat posed by nations like Russia and China while emphasizing the threat posed by terrorists or states believed to encourage terror.

"To stop the spread of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear terrorism, and pursue the day when these weapons do not exist, we will work aggressively to advance every element of our comprehensive agenda: To reduce arsenals, to secure vulnerable nuclear materials, and to strengthen" international agreements, Obama said in a statement.

Under the new plan, the U.S. promises not to use nuclear weapons against countries that do not have them. The policy would not apply to states like North Korea and Iran, however, because of their refusal to co-operate on non-proliferation standards. Obama's plan would lessen the role nuclear weapons play in America's defence planning.

Democrats praised the decision, while some Republicans said it could weaken the U.S. defence capability.

Rep. Buck McKeon, the top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said he was troubled by "some of the language and perceived signals embedded" in the policy.

At a Pentagon news conference, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said the unprecedented limits being placed on the U.S. nuclear arsenal will not weaken the nation's defences and will send a "strong message" to Iran and North Korea to "play by the rules."

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UN reaction

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he welcomes Obama's reaffirmation of his commitment to a nuclear-free world and believes the new Nuclear Posture Review "is a timely initiative in that direction."

News in brief

CHINA A dangerous gas buildup and narrow shafts stalled rescue efforts yesterday for the remaining 32 miners trapped in a Chinese coal mine with no signs of life, as euphoria faded from the previous day's stunning rescue of 115 workers after more than a week underground. The recovery of six bodies also dimmed hopes. Rescue work stretched into its 10th day but met a new challenge as toxic, highly combustible gas seeped into the mine, reaching levels a rescue spokesman said were "impermissible." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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France to debate Muslim garments

France's lower house of parliament will debate a resolution next month on regulating Islamic garments that fully cover a woman's body and face. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iraqi journalists seek probe of '07 shooting

Union calls incident 'another crime' by U.S.

The Iraqi Journalists' Union yesterday called on the Iraqi government to investigate the apparent killing of two Reuters employees by U.S. Apache helicopters after a website posted classified American military video footage of the shooting.

The July 12, 2007, incident has been reported before, but the graphic video reignited anger over the U.S. killing of civilians at the height of violence in Iraq.

"This is another crime added to the crimes of the U.S. forces against Iraqi journalists and civilians," the head of the journalists' union Mouyyad al-Lami said. "I call upon the government to take a firm stance against the criminals who killed the journalists."

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh could not immediately be reached for comment.

The website Wikileaks.org on Monday posted the video shot from one of the two Apache helicopters involved in the attack in the New Baghdad district of the capital.

Among those believed to have been killed in that attack was Reuters photographer Namir Noor-Eldeen, 22, and his driver Saeed Chmagh, 40. Two children also were wounded.

The aviators say on the tape that they believe that they killed 12 to 15 people in total. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tale of the tape

- The clear black and white film, which runs about 38 minutes in full, shows the helicopters locating a group of about a dozen men moving down a road, some of whom the aviators say are believed to be carrying weapons. After being told they are "free to engage," the gunships attack the group, apparently killing most of the men, then also destroy a van after more people show up and attempt to evacuate one of the wounded.

News in brief

SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL The Vatican heatedly defended Pope Benedict XVI yesterday, claiming accusations that he helped cover up the actions of pedophile priests are part of an anti-Catholic "hate" campaign targeting the pope for his opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage.

BIRTHS U.S. births fell in 2008, probably because of the recession, updated government figures confirm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. investor buys stake in Branson's Virgin Money

U.S. billionaire investor Wilbur Ross has bought a 21 per cent stake in Richard Branson's Virgin Money, backing the British entrepreneur's bid to buy hundreds of branches of the government-owned Royal Bank of Scotland. Ross, who made his fortune investing in struggling steel and oil companies, paid 100 million pounds ($152 million US) under the deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The new 'Switzerland of stability'?

The loonie returned to parity for the first time in 20 months yesterday, but analysts and retailers say Canadians shouldn't expect to see price parity in stores.

Buoyed by strong Canadian fundamentals and the currency's upward momentum, the loonie hovered around parity with the U.S. dollar most of the day, reaching as high as 100.12 cents US, before settling a fraction below the line at 99.88.

But economists say it is only a matter of time — maybe days — before the currency stakes its ground above the line for an extended period.

"Canada is the new Switzerland of stability, but with domestic assets the world wants," said Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital, in reference to the country's commodity riches, including oil.

"My gut is we're stuck with a strong currency for an extended period of time and that can last years."

Derek Holt, Scotia Capital

"We have the Canadian dollar appreciating another five or six cents as we go off into next year. My gut is we're stuck with a strong currency for an extended period of time and that can last years."

Mark Beazley of the Retail Council of Canada said parity will inevitably lead to pressure on retailers to match prices on everything from clothes to electronics to automobiles with the U.S., in part because the comparison is easy to make.

But he cautions that the value of the currency is only one of many factors that determine prices.

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Canadian loonies are shown with the U.S. dollar.

Seafood's the trend: High Liner CEO

FROZEN FOOD Frugal Americans who buy more frozen seafood for home cooking will bring about "modest increases" in U.S. sales for High Liner Foods Inc. this year, the Lunenburg, N.S.-based firm's chief executive predicts.

The United States accounted for slightly more than half of the company's sales last year, with the remainder coming from mostly in Canada.

Sales in both countries were down from the previous year, but the decline in U.S. sales was bigger.

The trend in the recession-battered United States consists of aging baby boomers who are eating in and seeking to reduce calories by eating fish, High Liner CEO Henry Demone said yesterday after the company's annual meeting.

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Convenience stores hammered by card fees, contraband: Study

SALES Canada's convenience stores were hammered last year by higher credit card fees, contraband cigarettes and the economic recession, according to an industry-sponsored study.

Illegal tobacco sales continued to cost stores more than $2.5 billion in annual sales and $260 million in profits, said the report prepared by Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.

The industry is heavily dependent on cigarette sales. Two out of every three cigarettes sold legally in Canada are purchased in convenience stores.

Credit card fees accounted for $200 million in costs, some $50 million of that as a result of a recent increase in processing fees by major card companies.

The industry's profitability was also hurt by an average five per cent increase in the minimum wage.

Overall, the net profitability of convenience stores was barely holding at about one per cent, about half the level in 2008.

The steady erosion of profits forced companies to control costs and generate traffic through the introduction of fresh food.

The future is expected to remain challenging as the maturing industry faces slowing sales growth, the study said.

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Goods and gas

- Canadians purchased $31.9 billion worth of goods and gasoline from convenience stores last year. More than 10.4 million visits are made daily to the country's 23,228 neighbourhood stores.

AOL looking to sell or shutter Bebo

ONLINE The struggling Internet company AOL plans to sell or shut down social website Bebo, which it bought for $850 million nearly two years ago.

In an email sent to AOL Inc. employees yesterday, the company said that Bebo's audience is falling and that it would need a "significant investment" to remain competitive as a social networking company.

Bebo has been popular in Europe, but not in the U.S. According to comScore Inc., it had 5.1 million U.S. users in February, compared with 209.7 million for Facebook.

AOL says it's looking for potential buyers and plans to finish a strategic evaluation by the end of May.

AOL bought Bebo in May 2008. AOL was then part of Time Warner Inc.

It separated from the media conglomerate last year.

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NYSE Floor gets busy

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Specialist Evan Solomon, left, directs trading in shares of Massey Energy Co. on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Massey shares fell 11.4 per cent to $48.45 US a day after a deadly explosion at a West Virginia mining operation run by Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co., which officials said has a history of safety violations.

Business in brief

WESTJET The newly appointed chief executive of WestJet Airlines Ltd. says he's pleased with how the company performed last month. WestJet's passenger traffic in March was up 10 per cent from the same time last year. That equates to about 94,000 additional guests. The Calgary-based airline's load factor — which is a measure of how full its fleet was — rose to 83.8 per cent. That's up 1.9 percentage points from March 2009, despite a 7.4 per cent increase in capacity.

TELUS Telus Corp. says it will invest $650 million this year on infrastructure in British Columbia to deliver more high-speed Internet, high-definition TV and advanced wireless services to its customers in that province. Telus president and CEO Darren Entwistle said the company has invested more than $22 billion in technology and operations in its home province since 2000, the year he became head of Canada's second-largest telecom company. Last month, he announced a similar $650-million spending plan for neighbouring Alberta — another province where Telus is the dominant telecom carrier.

NEWSPRINT Insolvent newsprint giant AbitibiBowater trimmed its losses in the fourth quarter to $314 million even as sales decreased 30 per cent to $1.1 billion. The Montreal-based producer lost $5.43 per share for the period ended Dec. 31. That compared to a loss of $24.85 a year earlier when the net loss totalled $1.433 billion.

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BCE sells SkyTerra

BCE Inc. has sold its stake in satellite services company SkyTerra Communication Inc. for about $111 million. SkyTerra, headquartered in Reston, Va., but with offices in Ottawa, provides satellite communications for public safety, security, fleet management and other customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jim Leech, CEO of The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

Teachers' fund sees 10% growth

The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan says its assets grew nearly 10 per cent to $96.4 billion in 2009 as stock markets recovered but the pension fund manager's deficit swelled.

The asset growth was up from 2008's $87.4 billion in assets and just short of its record $108.5 billion at the end of 2007.

President and CEO Jim Leech said 2009 was one of the fund's best-ever investment years. "We spent 2009 taking care of the business of the plan during the tail end of the financial market crash, while taking advantage of the market turmoil to make some investments that are already starting to pay off, and fortifying the plan for the future," he added.

Despite the earnings improvement, the fund says its deficit increased to $17.1 billion from a $2.5-billion shortfall at the end of fiscal 2008, due mainly to historically low interest rates.

The deficit reflects the shortfall between assets and future payments promised to plan members. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Downturn led to '09 trade deficit: Report

ECONOMY A new report says the decline of the global economy significantly affected Canada's merchandise trade last year, especially in the first quarter.

Statistics Canada says the country exported $369.7 billion of merchandise to the world in 2009, down 24.5 per cent from 2008.

Imports fell 15.5 per cent to $374.2 billion during the same period.

As a result, the trade balance went from a surplus of $46.9 billion in 2008 to a deficit of $4.5 billion in 2009 — the first deficit since 1975. The agency says Canada's trade surplus with the United States fell to $34.8 billion in 2009 from $89.1 billion in 2008, its lowest level since 1997. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Commodities push TSX down

MARKETS A late-session wave of selling in the commodity sector pushed the Toronto stock market lower yesterday.

The S&P/TSX composite index declined 29.64 points to 12,156.71.

The Canadian dollar rose above parity for the first time since July 2008. The currency rose as high as 100.12 cents US during the day but ended the session at 99.88 cents US, up 0.16 of a cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Semenya will wait for gender test results

Caster Semenya will wait for the results of her gender verification tests before returning to competitive running, saying yesterday that she will race June 24 at a meet in Zaragoza, Spain. The results of the tests are expected in June. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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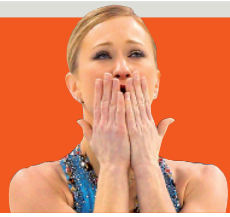

Rochette on Time's shortlist

Olympic medallist Joannie Rochette is on Time magazine's preliminary list of the 100 most influential people of 2010. The 24-year-old figure skater won a bronze medal in Vancouver last month just days after the death of her mother from a heart attack. Rochette, of Ile Dupras, Que., was 26th overall in online voting out of 200 candidates, with more than 7,000 votes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa's Mike Fisher, centre, is congratulated by teammates Daniel Alfredsson, right, and Jason Spezza after scoring against the Panthers last night.

Fisher leads Sens to win

NHL RESULTS

Ottawa 5 Florida 2

Mike Fisher scored twice to help the Ottawa Senators beat the Florida Panthers 5-2 last night for their seventh win in eight games.

Jarkko Ruutu, Erik Karlsson and Chris Neil also had goals for Ottawa, and captain Daniel Alfredsson had an assist in the 1,000th game of his NHL career.

Shawn Matthias and Kamil Kreps each scored for the Panthers.

Ottawa's Pascal Leclaire made 32 saves, while Tomas Vokoun stopped 23 shots for Florida.

The Senators have already clinched a post-season spot, but Buffalo clinched the Northeast Division title by beating the New York Rangers earlier last night.

The Panthers were already eliminated from playoff contention.

Fisher got his second goal of the night at 4:45 in the third period to push Ottawa's lead to 4-1. Ruutu then scored at 6:30 of the third, tipping in the puck to make it 5-1. Neil had his second assist of the game on that goal.

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Canada's Koe suffers first defeat

CURLING Kevin Koe's perfect run at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship is over.

Veteran German Andreas Kapp posted a 9-6 win over the Edmonton skip yesterday, ending a six-game winning streak in Koe's tournament debut.

Koe opened the day with a dominating 6-2 win over Scotland's Warwick Smith to take sole possession of first place in the standings at 6-0.

But the Canadians struggled in the evening draw, eventually losing to a Kapp rink desperate for a win to keep its playoff hopes alive.

The loss dropped Koe into a three-way tie with Scotland and Norway atop the standings at 6-1.

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Sports in brief

NFL The Minnesota Vikings may have finally found their quarterback of the future: Brett Favre is now a grandfather. His 21-year-old daughter, Brittany, has given birth to a boy — Parker Brett. The baby weighed in at seven pounds seven ounces.

BASEBALL The percentage of Major League Baseball players born outside the United States dipped slightly from last year. It was 27.7 per cent at the start of this season, down from 28 per cent on opening day in 2009. The Dominican Republic leads with 86 players in the majors, while Canada was in fifth place with 13 players.

NHL Vancouver Canucks forward Ryan Johnson will miss at least the first round of the NHL playoffs with a broken foot. Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said yesterday that the oft-injured fourth-line centre, a noted shot-blocker, will be sidelined four to six weeks with the injury. The 33-year-old Thunder Bay native has been limited to 58 games this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Woods set for late start

GOLF Thousands of fans are following Tiger Woods around Augusta National during practice rounds. Millions more around the world will be able to watch when he officially makes his return to golf at the Masters tomorrow.

Woods was put in the next-to-last group for the opening round — his first meaningful shot since his private life unravelled in sordid tales of infidelity five months ago. His 1:42 p.m. EST tee time fits perfectly into live television coverage (TSN, 4 p.m.) Joining the world's No. 1 player will be K.J. Choi and Matt Kuchar.

"It's funny, because I sort of had a feeling when I left Dallas that it would be cool if I was paired with Tiger, and it happened," Choi said when he walked off the 18th green yesterday. "I like playing with big crowds."

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., tees off at 9:40 a.m. EST and is paired with Lee Westwood and amateur Matteo Manassero.

Woods did not speak to the media yesterday, yet he remains very much the centre of attention at this Masters. The first big hurdle was going public — playing golf before fans and speaking to the media for the first time since Nov. 15.

The next big test comes tomorrow, when he starts keeping score. Woods twice has gone nine weeks without competition before a major championship — the 2006 U.S. Open after his father died and the 2008 U.S. Open after knee surgery — but he has never come to Augusta National without any type of a tuneup.

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Alfredsson deserving of Hall of Fame status?

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With his 1,000th NHL game in the books, Daniel Alfredsson will return to a hero's welcome Saturday night when the Senators host the Buffalo Sabres.

The greatest player in the modern history of the franchise will, as he always does, quietly accept the kudos, then go about his business, the way he has for the past 15 seasons in the NHL.

It has been that consistency that has made Alfredsson the most revered player in franchise history and a shoo-in to have his No. 11 hung from the rafters of Scotiabank Place — or whatever they're calling it then — when he retires.

But is Alfredsson a Hall of Famer? Now that would be a bit of a stretch, but you could certainly make the case that he is the best right winger Sweden has ever produced.

As far as the Hall of Fame, the only Swedish-born and trained player in there is Borje Salming. Nicklas Lidstrom and Peter Forsberg will certainly follow and while it's debatable whether he truly had a Hall of Fame career, Mats Sundin will likely get in.

Alfredsson is a cut below those players and barring a late-career push and/or leading the Senators to the Stanley Cup, Alfredsson will likely not make the grade. But if I'm picking my all-time Swedish all-star team, there's no doubt Alfredsson is my right winger.

His competition in that category would come largely from Hakan Loob and Anders Hedberg. Markus Naslund is listed as a right winger, but played left wing most of his career and even if he had played the right side, I'd take Alfredsson over him.

So would Gunnar Nordstrom, the NHL writer for Expressen, the biggest daily newspaper in Sweden.

"It would be really hard to not pick Daniel based on his consistency," Nordstrom said. "(Hedberg and Loob) had great careers, but nobody beats Daniel on the right side."

Hedberg and Loob both had abbreviated NHL careers and played at a time when there were more biases against and fewer opportunities for Swedish players. Put on equal ground with Alfredsson, it would be interesting to see which one would be the best.

But you can certainly go with Alfredsson on your first team, joined by Henrik Lundqvist in goal, Borje Salming and Lidstrom on defence, Forsberg at centre and Marcus Naslund on the left wing.

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Sidney Crosby Pittsburgh	77	47
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Future of Queen's law library uncertain
The head law librarian at Queen's University says the institution may lose its law library if cuts to the school's library system continue. The librarian says 16 library staff positions have been cut since 2004-05, and she anticipates more cuts in the future. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Dealing with McMaster's crisis

McMaster University has struck a three-member panel tasked with resolving a conflict in the institution's business school, where faculty have been divided on the issue of Dean Paul Bates' leadership. One faculty group accuses Bates of high-handed management, while the other believes he has been unfairly targeted. The dean will continue in his position and is expected to work in consultation with the panel. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Communication breakdown

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Nonverbal communication, such as hand gestures and eye contact can make or break a job interview, says Alison Craig, author of Hello Job.

What you say isn't half as important as they way you do — or don't — say it.

Sound ridiculous? Consider this: How many of us have walked out of a job screening thinking we aced it? Our answers were wittily smooth, providing great insight into our character and abilities while our resumé was a perfect response to the job description? Still, we didn't get that anticipated call back.

Here's a possible reason. In job interviews, common perception is that what we say has more weight than how it's conveyed. However, as author Alison Craig reveals in her latest book Hello Job (Blue Monarch Press), one often overlooked aspect of job hunting is the mannerisms we employ when searching for, well, employ.

"Nonverbal communication is one more piece to the communication puzzle and even dominates the picture, ranging from your body language and facial expressions to your voice and, of course, your overall image," she asserts.

Looking at it that way, it's clear how a spotless work history might not be a deal-clincher. Craig notes that regaling those rehearsed speeches about our strengths and weaknesses invariably prove more successful when combined with effective body language, a mode of articulation most Human Resources professionals are highly trained in reading/understanding yet we commonly overlook.

"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you," she says. "Not giving direct eye contact can be construed as simple nervousness or that you are hiding something from the interviewer. Closed body language such as crossed legs, purses/brief cases on your lap or arms fully crossed across the chest is an unintentional warning telling others to keep their distance; that we are disinterested in what is going on," Craig charges, adding that hunched shoulders indicate being over-stressed or lazy; careless about our position.

So how do we tackle these unwitting, soundless modes of correspondence? While it seems embarrassing, she advocates private rehearsals in order to maximize positive nonverbal communication.

"Practice doing a mock interview with yourself in the mirror. If you can honestly step back and look at yourself as others see you, you will quickly notice (nonverbal communication). You don't want to memorize your answers but by practising those interview questions, they won't feel so foreign to you anymore."

> **"Don't fool yourself; they are watching you."**
> Alison Craig on HR professionals

Workology in brief

FNUC APPOINTS INTERIM PRESIDENT Shauneen Pete, fired from her position as First Nations University of Canada's vice-president of academics last year, has returned to the institution to serve a six-month term as president. Pete has been a visible supporter of FNUC, joining students and staff as they marched to the provincial legislature in February and March. Pete plans to spend the next six months working with others to get federal funding restored for the institution.

MOHAWK COLLEGE STUDENTS FAVOUR BRANTFORD CAMPUS RELOCATION TO HAMILTON The majority of students at Mohawk College's Brantford campus responding to an online survey and speaking out at several recent open houses are in favour of relocating the Brantford campus to Hamilton. A college spokesman say students are voting three to one in favour of moving to Hamilton rather than relocating to downtown Brantford. Students' feedback will be given to Mohawk's board of directors, who will decide whether the college will pull out of Brantford.

ATHLETES AT SOUTHERN ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES TESTED FOR BANNED SUBSTANCES After news broke last week that a University of Waterloo football player is under investigation for trafficking performance-enhancing drugs, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport has sent testers to four other universities — WIlfred Laurier, U of Guelph, McMaster, and Western. Testers will be on the lookout for the full range of banned substances, such as steroids, HGH, and masking agents. Test results will not be known for a couple of weeks, and flunked drug tests will be made public.
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uSask committed to distance ed despite budget cuts
University of Saskatchewan officials say the province's decision to remove over $1 million from technology-enhanced learning programs at the university should not affect distance learning in the province. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Employee lost sight of who 'calls the shots'

WorkplaceLaw

Make sure you pay attention to performance improvement plans when they are offered by your employer.

Sometimes employees too easily confuse who gets to call the legal shots. Believing that their job is an entitlement, some workers try to take the law into their own hands. They are often mistaken. This is the tale of one employee who learned this lesson the hard way.

Working out of the Toronto-area offices of Software developer VoiceGenie Technologies, Crinu Iliescu quickly wore out his welcome. Hired only 15 months earlier as a Software Q.A. Manager, Iliescu swiftly lost the firm's trust after his response to a manager's email accusing him of underperformance. Iliescu wrote his boss, the HR manager and the president with five demands he required them to meet before he would return to work.

The next day Iliescu did return to work but found that his access to the computer system and security pass had been removed. He was then met with a "performance improvement plan," detailing the company's concerns about his behaviour and setting out its expectations from him in the future. Iliescu reacted by rejecting the performance guidelines and declaring that his return to work would occur only when his concerns were fully addressed.

VoiceGenie told Iliescu that its performance plan was not negotiable or subject to his approval and that he was to immediately return to work. When Iliescu did not, VoiceGenie concluded that he had abandoned his position and fired him. Believing that he had been wrongfully dismissed, Iliescu sued the company and its president for nearly one million dollars.

At trial, Justice Randall Echlin found that it was simply not open to Iliescu to reject the performance plan and provide his employer with an ultimatum that it must meet his concerns. VoiceGenie had a "legal right to require a minimum level of performance," and instead of working with his employer, Iliescu became adversarial, thinking he was entitled to negotiate terms, wrote Justice Echlin. When Iliescu refused to work after receiving notice that his attendance was required, he effectively resigned. Recently, the Court of Appeal also agreed, dismissing Iliescu's case.

Iliescu simply lost sight of who was entitled to call the shots. While employees do retain certain rights, rejecting a reasonable performance improvement plan is usually a poor option. Even if such a plan is imposed in bad faith, which often does occur, protest the plan in writing and continue to work in the meantime. You retain the right to complain at a later time without jeopardizing your own continued employment.

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3. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	1015	420	609	1029
4. Shawn Tschritter	AB, CA	1034	419	600	1019
5. Christian Gagnon	NB, CA	982	402	615	1017
6. Dennis MacDougall	NS, CA	1009	407	604	1011
7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
11. Myles Dennis	NS, CA	993	381	617	998
12. Calvin Lewis	NS, CA	1034	407	590	997
13. Steve Ferguson	ON, CA	1020	402	593	995
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Vandals damage Camosun gym
Saanich police report that vandals caused close to $10,000 worth of damage Sunday to the Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence at Camosun College's Interurban campus in British Columbia. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

ADVANTAGE IN BEING DISADVANTAGED A new paper from the U.S. suggests that students who are least likely to attend college gain the strongest economic benefits from obtaining a degree. The study reports that the college wage premium — the wage differential between high school and college grads — appears to be strongest for people from socio-economic groups that are least likely to go to college in the first place. The paper found that men and women with the lowest college-going propensities earned more after finishing college.

NOT ADMITTED? A recent blog entry from the Chronicle of Higher Education focuses on the University of Virginia's admissions office and the first business day after decisions went out, which was all about dealing with the omitted. Of the nearly 500 calls the office received that day, one mother had asked whether her child had been denied admission because of the family's surname, which was Indian. More than one caller said they knew of an admitted student who was less qualified than their children, who were rejected.
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Accounting jobs hard to fill

For already-stretched accounting departments, waiting a month for help may seem like an eternity. Yet, a recent survey found it can take at least that long for employers to hire for open positions. Chief financial officers (CFOs) interviewed said it takes an average of four weeks to fill a staff-level role and five weeks to bring a new manager on board.

The Robert Half survey is based on interviews with more than 1,400 CFOs from a stratified random sample of companies.

"Operating with a team that's too lean could cause firms to lose out on future business opportunities and lead to employee burnout."
Max Messmer

"Even in this cautious hiring environment, managers need to focus on their staff levels," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half. "Operating with a team that's too lean could cause firms to lose out on future business opportunities and lead to employee burnout."

According to Messmer, having a nimble hiring process in place is critical to securing top employees. "Professionals with in-demand skills always have options, and firms that don't move quickly to secure these individuals risk losing their top choices to other opportunities."

Robert Half offers managers tips to make the hiring process as efficient as possible:

- **Stay front and centre:** Don't delegate the hiring process. You know best what you want in an employee. Avoid delays or, worse, potential hiring mistakes by remaining closely involved in the process from beginning to end.
- **Stick to a game plan:** Before resumés start coming in, develop a method for evaluating them consistently. Using the job description as a base, make note of key criteria you're looking for from applicants, and search for those same attributes in each resume you receive.
- **Get help:** Specialized recruiters can help you pinpoint your needs. And their networks provide access to people you might not locate on your own, including professionals who may not be actively looking but would make a change for the right opportunity.
- **Don't delay:** When you identify strong applicants, don't procrastinate. Top performers are in demand in any market. By moving too slowly, you risk losing your first choice — and extending the hiring process.
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Filling accounting positions is hard work according to a recent survey. When a strong candidate is identified, don't procrastinate.

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Polo on top

The Volkswagen Polo, left, has been named the World Car of the Year. The Audi R8 won Performance Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Camaro was named Design of the Year at the New York International Auto Show. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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Golf Wagon excels

The 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever.

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for Metro Canada

Ah, station wagons. They originated as "depot hacks" to carry passengers and luggage from train station to hotel.

Then they evolved into Boomer family haulers and cross-country tourers before gradually degenerating into bloated and vinyl-clad irrelevance, battered by energy crises and compact car revolutions before being supposedly killed off by the advent of the minivan.

But it seems that rumours of their death have been somewhat exaggerated.

Station wagons are back, an evolutionary rebound from SUV excess, regaining their original popularity with a modern mix of utilitarian practicality, contemporary style and perky performance.

Take the 2010 Golf Wagon for example.

With a starting price of $22,675, the Golf Wagon is a cheaper entry into German-engineered utility than most Euro-SUVs or crossovers. And yet it offers acceptable, compact-style family seating and loads of cargo-carrying ability, a natural fit for multi-purpose business needs, weekend getaway gear haulage, or for families with pets.

The Golf Wagon is the biggest Golf ever with 930 litres of luggage space behind the rear seats, expanding to an impressive 1890 litres with the 60/40 second row folded flat.

That's roomier than the cargo rating of VW's Tiguan compact SUV. It rivals the larger Touareg's numbers and even surpasses the maximum luggage space of the bigger Passat Wagon.

From the driver's seat, it's easy to forget about cargo space as you look around a premium passenger cabin that is elegantly symmetrical with evident quality in content and construction. Simple, round red-needled gauges are brilliantly lit in white.

Outside, this sixth generation Golf Wagon pays tribute to the first generation Golf with a radiator grille horizontally aligned between the headlights. For a wagon, it's unexpectedly sleek. It's low-slung, sporty lines and very "un-wagonish" persona surprised me every time that I walked up to it.

The 2010 VW Golf Wagon comes in varying trim levels with a choice of two engine versions — gasoline or TDI Clean Diesel.

It comes standard with a five-speed manual or optional six-speed automatic. My real world combined results with the slightly more frugal automatic averaged out to 10.1L/100km. This gasoline-powered variant starts with the base Trendline model, moving upscale to a Comfortline trim level.

Stick to the speed limit on a long highway run and you might actually reach VW's boasted range of 1190 km on a single tank. My more realistic combined averages, as usual, worked out closer to the city rating, returning me 6.5L/100km.

Regardless of personal preferences, trim selections or even powertrain choices, the 2010 Volkswagen Golf Wagon blends quality and content in a package that is elegantly stylish and eminently practical.

Long live the station wagon.

2010 VW Golf Wagon

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GM research aims to help drivers cut through fog

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If you've ever driven in heavy fog, you know how dangerous it can be. General Motors' research and development (R&D) and several universities are working on an advanced vision system that uses data from sensors and cameras to project an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through the fog.

While it will be a long time before the full-screen display comes to market, if ever, the technologies being developed for it could have applications in upcoming vehicles. "The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor," says Thomas Seder, lab group manager of human machine interface at GM R&D. "You can see through it when it's not being irradiated with UV light. But if you use a micro laser and irradiate a spot, the transparent phosphor will fluoresce, either red, green or blue."

GM was one of the first to offer a head-up display, or HUD, which projects a small image on the windshield, visible only to the driver, showing information such as vehicle speed.

"We're looking to create enhanced vision systems," Seder says. "We're not creating anything that isn't out there in the real world. If you can imagine a night vision system that could detect a deer on the side of the road, you can't see it with your naked eye, but this could see it and then highlight its exact location. If you look at some concepts that people have proposed, you could be reading your email on a head-up display, but that's not what we want to do. Once you start cluttering up HUD with information that belongs in the centre stack or head-down display, we think that's very distracting. We want to enhance the driver's vision, not detract from it."

General Motors is working on an advanced vision system that projects an image across the entire windshield, letting you "see" the road clearly through fog.

Developing technologies such as sign-reading can assist a driver by removing the need to search for landmarks. "We've all had the experience where you're scanning for the road sign and you're not looking at the road," Seder says. "The primary task in driving is piloting, and navigating is secondary, but people's attention gets focused on the secondary task."

The futuristic full-screen vision is much more complicated, because all of the information must be aligned correctly to the driver's eye. "The road signs don't require a precise image, but there's a penalty if I mismark the road edge," Seder says. "That one's more of a difficult technology. We need to know the vehicle's position, its orientation and the driver's position within the vehicle to precisely align the display image to the real-world image. It's a fairly intricate system, but we'll get better and better."

"The images are created by coating the windshield with a transparent phosphor."
GM's Thomas Seder

Driving Force

Mazda2 coming in summer

The all-new 2011 Mazda2 will go on sale in Canada early this summer, starting at $13,995. The four-door subcompact hatchback represents a new entry point into Mazda's lineup, fitting in under the Mazda3. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Automotive in brief

FUEL ECONOMY The 2011 Ford Mustang is heading to the record books the most fuel-efficient Mustang ever. The Mustang's official U.S. Environmental Protection Agency certify that models equipped with the 305 hp 3.7-litre V6 and available six-speed automatic transmission achieve (U.S.) 31 mpg on the highway and 19 mpg in the city. The standard six-speed manual transmission is rated at (US) 30 mpg on the highway and (US) 19 mpg in the city.

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Car owners, rise and shine

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Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, and I don't wonder where the birdie is? Because they just did their business on my car!

Even if the birdies spared your vehicle, this would be a great time to get out there with a brush and a bucket.

Here are some helpful hints that you might have forgotten, and that address recent developments in paint and wheel finishes and car washing products.

They were brought to our attention through conversations with two car washing experts: Jim Dvorak of Mothers Polish, and Rachel Agnew of Black Magic (a division of Shell Lubricants).

WHEELING: Do the wheels first, says Agnew, and one at a time. Don't apply wheel cleaner when the wheel is hot, and don't leave it on too long. Dvorak cautions to know your wheel's make-up. All modern factory aluminum wheels have a coating — they need paint polish, not aluminum polish.

SOAPING: For soaping a car down, I prefer to use a live squirrel. But Dvorak recommends a sheepskin or lambs wool wash mitt for the main body (above the beltline), and second mitt (microfibre "mop head" or "chenille") for the dirtier lower body. This lowers your chances of scratching paint with dirt particles in your mitt. Agnew reminds us not to use dish soap, which will certainly strip away any wax you've applied. Car wash soap is milder and is designed to carry dirt away when rinsed. Use two buckets: one to rinse dirt off the mitt, the other to put clean suds on the mitt.

RINSING AND DRYING: The key to a successful "dry" is a great "rinse." Dvorak suggests taking off your hose's spray nozzle, and lowering the water stream so it just shoots out about a foot. Then work to get a "sheeting" action on each body panel, before moving on to the next panel. When the water comes off in "sheets" there is less waiting for you to dry off. Dvorak has a vendetta for the old-school leather chamois — they're too grabby. They take wax off, and can even scratch some of the newer (and softer, water-based) finishes. Plush terry cloth or plush microfibre work best.

Washing and cleaning a car is not as simple as you think.

WAXING: There is a misconception that vehicles with clear coat paint finishes do not need wax. You want to protect your clear coat, as you would any coat. Our experts recommend waxing every eight to 12 weeks. New synthetic wax products are very easy to polish off, even if left on for hours (unlike carbuna wax, which sometimes needs to be chiseled off). Dvorak adds that many people are revisiting the benefits of the "pre-wax" clay bar. After applying clay bar lubricant, you simply run the clay bar along the body panels, to pick up any dirt, metal flakes, pollutants, etc., that have imbedded themselves into the paint.

GREENING: Use biodegradable car-wash soap, and a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose to conserve water. If you're cleaning oily stuff, make sure it goes down a drain routed to a treatment plant. "Regular" dirt can go down a sewer drain (but first check municipality by-laws).

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HWY 6.2L/100 KM (46 MPG)† CITY 7.8L/100 KM (36 MPG)†

2010 Yaris

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all-in price* $16,299

Includes freight and fees. GST/PST are extra.

HWY 5.5L/100 KM (51 MPG)† CITY 6.9L/100 KM (41 MPG)†

2010 Corolla CE

0% APR¥ Purchase financing for **60 months.**

all-in price* $16,809

Includes freight and fees. GST/PST are extra.

HWY 5.6L/100 KM (50 MPG)† CITY 7.5L/100 KM (38 MPG)†

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2010 Camry LE

0% APR¥ Purchase financing for **60 months.**

all-in price* $26,455

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HWY 6.1L/100 KM (46 MPG)† CITY 9.0L/100 KM (31 MPG)†

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5 Romantic places

Spots guaranteed to ignite your relationship

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Metro World News

1
Romeo and Juliet
Verona

A town whose actual charm is often overlooked because of its link to the greatest romance of all time. The actual "wherefore art thou" balcony is a little underwhelming, but come on, this is Romeo and Juliet — if you can't get romantic here you may have to accept that affairs of the heart may not be your thing. The town is also one of Italy's prettiest with opera in the summer, and great galleries. Lake Garda is also nearby.

Stay: Hotel Gabbia d'Oro, Corso Porta Borsari. hotelgabbiadoro.it

2
Frankly M'Dear
Georgia

A very over-looked U.S. state as far as tourism goes but Georgia's determinedly "southern" laid back take on life and the beautiful countryside is fabulously Gone With the Wind. Many of the antebellum buildings are either real Civil War stock or stylised copies. The state is dotted with great hotels and guest houses. Frankly m'dear you 'll give a damn.

Stay: Antebellum Inn, 200 North Columbia Street, Milledgeville. antebelluminn.com

3
Anthony and Cleopatra
Cairo

By day the backdrop to the Anthony and Cleopatra love story can seem a little hectic and scruffy, but under the stars (and lit by an impressive light show), the pyramids seem fabulously romantic. There's something about their permanence and resilience in the face of all that time can throw at them that seems tailor made to inspire love.

Stay: Four Seasons Hotel, 1089 Corniche El Nil. fourseasons.com/caironp

4
Wuthering Heights
Yorkshire Moors, England

Emily Bronte's novel of thwarted passion between Heathcliffe and Cathy is routinely voted the most romantic novel of all time. And looking out onto the brooding Yorkshire Moors in northern England, it's easy to see how these rolling hills provided such inspiration. Even more haunting in the rain, which, it being Yorkshire, is highly likely.

Stay: Ashmount Country House, Mytholmes Lane, Haworth, West Yorkshire. ashmounthaworth.co.uk

5
Palace of Love
The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal, in Agra, is perhaps the greatest monument to lost love in the world. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan who was griefstricken after his third wife died during the birth of their 14th child. And 350 years later the white marble minarets are still pretty much the benchmark for anyone thinking of building a palace of love.

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The "wherefore art thou" balcony from Romeo and Juliet is located in Verona, one of Italy's prettiest towns.

The Cairo pyramids under the stars is sure to inspire love.

London on a budget of $50, $100 & $500

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Big Ben in London, England.

Metro found what to eat, stay and go in London, England on varying budgets.

DAILY BUDGET: $50

EAT
Anchor & Hope

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STAY
Pasha Hotel

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GO
Gig at the O2 Arena

Best place to see a gig in London, and maybe the world. Huge, but has atmosphere, and loads of bars and restaurants outside. Plus it's the Millennium Dome! Check theo2.co.uk for gigs.

DAILY BUDGET: $100

EAT
Fifteen

Fifteen was the TV brainchild of celebrity chef Jamie Oliver who wanted to give jobless kids a chance to shine in the kitchen. Don't let that put you off — it's genuinely excellent. fifteen.net

STAY
Ten Manchester Street Hotel

Fabulously chic hotel right in the heart of London but tucked away on a quiet street. Cigar smoking actively encouraged! tenmanchesterstreethotel.com

GO
Lovebox

London's coolest festival. This year it's Roxy Music, Dizzee Rascal and Grace Jones — but it's not the bands it's the vibe. Chilled, metropolitan, self-aware — this is London at play. July 16-18. lovebox.net.

DAILY BUDGET: $500

EAT
Gordon Ramsay at Claridges

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STAY
The Dorchester

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Connection flights
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'Home' to the fanged

Tourism is up in Forks, the setting of the Twilight saga

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It is the wettest place in the United States and one of the wettest places on the planet.

It has a population of 3,000 and is basically a bleak north western logging outpost whose sexiest tourism offering is a "timber museum."

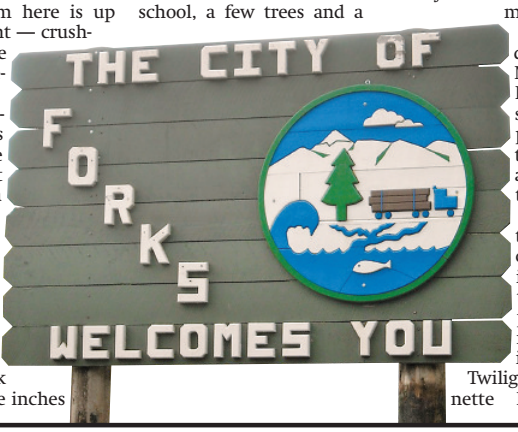
But tourism here is up 1,000 per cent — crushing anywhere else in the recession-hit U.S. — because this is Forks, where the smash hit Twilight saga is set.

Author Stephanie Meyer actually chose Forks, Washington, because it was cold, dark and wet (nine inches of ran fall every month) making it a perfect hang out for the undead.

But now the pull of the novels and the movies, starring Brit hunk Robert Pattinson, has transformed the fortunes of the town.

Let's be honest: You have to be a fan.

Otherwise, you will find yourself travelling to a far flung corner of the States to look at an unremarkable school, a few trees and a slightly untidy beach.



If you're a Twilight devotee, however, you're looking at the world's most brooding locale, the school where the Cullen coven study (and where the lovers first meet), the romantically unkempt, driftwood-strewn La Push beach, with its dramatic sea stacks, and the spooky, moss-draped rainforests.

Only then does Forks make sense.

Tourism director Marcia Bingham says: "It has put us on the map and we are thrilled.

Now visitors don't complain if it's raining, they complain if it's not raining."

Twilight fan Annette Bruno-Root moved here to set up two themed shops, a restaurant and tour.

She says: "We've had visitors from every country in the world."

Highlights

Where to spend your Twilight dollars:

- Port Angeles where Bella and Edward had their first date, at Bella Italia (118 East 1st Street; 00 1-360 457 5442, bellaitaliapa.com). The heroine's favorite dish is the mushroom ravioli ($17)
- Dazzled by Twilight store (135 East 1st Street; 360 452 8800; the original is in Forks). Everything from fake fangs for 25¢ to Bella's engagement ring for $59.
- Sparkling Twilight, a fizzy red wine produced by the female-owned and -run Olympic Cellars (olympiccellars.com), which it supplies to Bella Italia.

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British actor Robert Pattinson is one of the stars of the Twilight movies, which are set in Forks, Washington.

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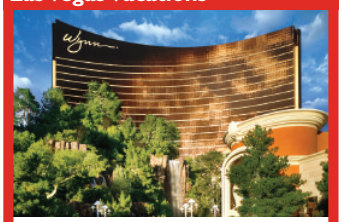
Jamaica	Travel Apr 11 - Apr 18/c6	$166* + taxes & fees $284
Rome	Travel Apr 16 - Apr 23/ts	$245* + taxes & fees $320
London	Travel May 24 - Jun 7/ts	$332 + taxes & fees $394
Brussels	Travel Apr 20 - May 7/ts	$349* + taxes & fees $263
Los Angeles	Travel Apr 14 - Apr 21/dl	$349 + taxes & fees $112
Costa Rica	Travel May 12 - May 19/co	$529 + taxes & fees $351
Frankfurt	Travel May 13 - May 20/lh	$579 + taxes & fees $335
Honolulu	Travel Apr 21 - Apr 28/dl	$589 + taxes & fees $121
Buenos Aires	Travel May 19 - May 26/ac	$849 + taxes & fees $277
Sydney	Travel May 4 - May 25/ua	$929 + taxes & fees $329

Las Vegas Vacations



Las Vegas Airfare $258
Travel May 9 - May 13/aa + taxes & fees $120
ADD show tickets for $59±.
ADD Night Strip helicopter tour for $79.

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Wynn	$59± taxes & fees included

Las Vegas

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Air + 7 Nights $875
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Cancun 7 Nights 4-Star	Oasis Palm Beach	$527* + taxes & fees $292
Panama 7 Nights 4-Star	Royal Decameron	$555* + taxes & fees $254
Samana 7 Nights 4-Star	Bahia Roulette	$598 + taxes & fees $318

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Departs Apr 20/sqv/ts.
Departs Apr 14/nol/ts.
Departs Apr 12/nol/c6.
Departs May 9/acv/ac.

Cruise Vacations

Western Caribbean
4-Night Cruise $259
Celebrity Century + taxes & fees $81
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Alaska 7-Night Cruise $449^
Statendam + taxes & fees $103^
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Carnival Liberty + taxes & fees $63^
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Mediterranean 7-Night Cruise $659
Voyager of the Seas + taxes & fees $106
CRUISE roundtrip Barcelona and visit Naples, Civitavecchia/Rome, Livorno/Florence, Villefranche/Nice and Toulon/Provence. Sails May 9/rcl.

Hawai'i 15-Night Cruise $1599^
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Star Wars the sitcom

Star Wars is coming to TV as an animated comedy series. Lucasfilm says the sitcom will explore the comic aspects of that "galaxy far, far away" as it playfully and irreverently confronts the saga's characters and mythology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Graphic Ryan

Ryan Reynolds has reportedly signed on to R.I.P.D., a Universal Pictures movie based on the Peter Lenkov graphic novel.

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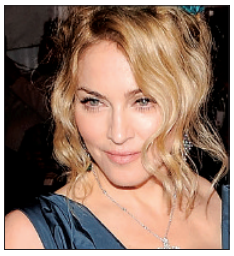

Madonna

Madonna dares to dream

PEOPLE Madonna has put down first brick of her new girls' academy outside Malawi's capital.

Madonna laid the brick with the inscription "DARE TO DREAM" yesterday. The pop star said it has long been her dream to build a girls' school.

The $15 million Raising Malawi Academy for Girls is scheduled to open in 2011, and will assist 500 orphaned children.

Daughters Lourdes and Mercy accompanied the pop diva to yesterday's ceremony. Madonna arrived in Malawi on Monday for a weeklong charity tour to inspect projects she established since her first visit in 2006.

Madonna has adopted two Malawian children, David Banda and Mercy Chifundo James, both four. She also funds six Malawian orphanages.

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When Date Night goes bad

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Of all the successful Canadians in Hollywood, the name Shawn Levy is not as popularized as it should be.

After all, the Montreal-born filmmaker has made some of today's most successful family comedies (The Night at the Museum films for instance) and his work has generated over $1.5 billion worldwide.

Now with Date Night, the big-name filmmaker is hoping to gain a greater reputation with a more adult-oriented comedy and quite frankly, not everyone is happy about it.

"It's my first non-family film," said Levy during a recent interview. "(And) my own daughters — I have three — feel betrayed that I've made a movie that they can't see … they've watched Cheaper by the Dozen 9,000 times!"

Still, the Levy clan shouldn't be discouraged. With Date Night, Levy has crafted a very funny movie by matching two of comedy's top actors — Steve Carell and Tina Fey — as a bored married couple that go out on their weekly "date night" and end up being chased by crooked cops and the mafia.

Tiny Fey, Steve Carell and Mark Wahlberg in a scene from the new movie Date Night.

Date Night opens Friday

"I had a feeling that whoever put them (together) in a movie first was going to reap the benefits," said Levy. "But as a married couple especially feels so organic. They may be married to other people (in real life) but you sure buy them on-screen as a married couple … the style and tone of their comedy is so well-matched."

But as Levy insists, Date Night is not just a comedy. It delves into the world of action with plenty of break-ins, shoot-outs and a bizarre car chase that involved hooking two cars front bumper-to-front bumper.

"No one has seen a Siamese car chase through Manhattan," noted Levy. "I think the goal was to make it really, really funny but to also try and make it relatable to grown-ups in relationships … and then where there is action, frankly to do action like we haven't seen before."

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Although Date Night should expose Levy to a distinctly older audience, the filmmaker's refusal to be pegged down is illustrated by the variety of future projects he has in production —including a Steven Spielberg-produced blockbuster called Real Steel.

"While I'm certainly going to do more big tentpole movies, I'm also developing (intimate) character pieces," said Levy.

"So I'm just getting warmed up."

VH1 seeks more diverse audience

Cable network to feature more racially progressive reality programs

On her new VH1 reality dating show, Rozonda Thomas — better known as Chilli from the groundbreaking hip-hop group TLC — doesn't lounge in bubble baths or hand out fake bling to her suitors. Instead, the 39-year-old singer and mother meets bachelors at black-tie affairs and confers with a dating expert, as well as her 12-year-old son.

AP PHOTO/VH1/PRESCOTT MCDONALD

In this publicity image for VH1's Basketball Wives from left, Jennifer Williams, Royce Reed, Erikka Moxam, Shaunie O'Neal, Evelyn Lozada, Suzie Ketchem and Gloria Govan pose together.

The cable network, synonymous with Flavor of Love and its sleazy spinoffs, is trading trampiness for fabulousness with a new slate of series starring seemingly well-adjusted rich and famous black Americans.

VH1 executive vice-president Jeff Olde admits that the shift from oh-no-they-didn't fare to more mature material is totally intentional.

"We constantly have to evolve and tell our audience different stories," he says. "I love that we've been able to get more diverse with our audience by — in large part — attracting African-American women to the network. We got them in the door with some shows, and now I'm excited about where we're going and how we're telling them different kinds of stories."

With a Sunday debut, What Chilli Wants will be partnered othat night with Brandy & Ray J: A Family Business, focusing on sibling R&B singers Ray J and Brandy Norwood as they attempt to relaunch their music careers, and Basketball Wives, starring Shaquille O'Neal's ex-wife, Shaunie O'Neal, and five other women with romantic links to basketball players.

For the notoriously trashy VH1, it's not reality as usual. While cat fights will flare up with the Basketball Wives and Chilli promises a tiff with her sassy matchmaker on What Chilli Wants, these new shows certainly aren't selling buzzworthy moments akin to Flavor of Love contestants spiting on each other or suddenly defecating on the floor.

"I watched Flavour of Love myself," attests Chilli. "It was definitely one of the shows I thought was interesting, but it made sense for Flav to do it just that way. For me, I wanted to do my show in a way that I would be comfortable with, and I was very happy that VH1 was on the same page with me."

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		145	761	35	TV5	Verdict		*Mon Colonel* (2006, Com. dramatique) Olivier Gourmet.				J'y suis, j'y	À Table	TV5 Le Journal
		616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*You Lucky Dog* (1998, Comedy) Kirk Cameron.				HawthoRNe (HDTV)		Law-Order
		620	523	40	BVO	From the Spirit	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan Files	Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar "Threads"		Law & Order
		520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		I Could Do	I Could Do	Howe & Howe Tech (N)		Solving History-Olly Steeds		Daily Planet
		575	583	43	CMT	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According/Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Due South
		601	562	45	SLC	Rich Bride Poor Bride		In Laws	In Laws	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada
		625	548	46	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Lucky Louie	Hot Box	Daily Show
		294	529	47	TBS	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. (HDTV) From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)						Seinfeld	Name Is Earl	Law & Order
		600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	For Rent	Agent-Agent	Property Shop	Property Virgin	Unsellables	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes/Homes
		627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Chuck (HDTV) (N)		Supernatural (HDTV) (N)		InnerSpace (N)
		581	566	53	MTV	MTV Presents	Cribs	Cribs	Teen Cribs	The Real World		The Challenge	Diary (N)	MTV Live
		618	524	54	TROP	Dog Whisperer		Hoarders "Linda; Todd"		Hoarders "Jake; Shirley"		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Spoiled Rotten
		522	506	55	HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Nostradamus Effect		Ice Road Truckers (HDTV) (N)		Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Dive Detect
		129	773	60	CD	Biographies "Paul Houde"		Fântomes chez les stars		Destr Expr	Destr Expr	Experts en crime (HDTV)		Images-chocs
		261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote		No Place Like	Open All Hours	To Be Announced		Unscripted (N)	Twist of Faith	Poltergeist
		602	567	62	W	Supernanny		Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Cupcake Girls	Cupcake Girls	*View of Terror* (2003, Suspense)		
		269	350	70	APTN	Investigates	Passage John Rae.		Down2Earth	Mighty River	Canadian Geographic		Venturing Frth	Storytellers
		621	527	71	TLK	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
		603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Restaurant

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Springtime for Hitler at the James household?

GUESS SANDRA ISN'T THE ONLY FILM STAR IN THE FAMILY While there's been no word on divorce filings by Sandra Bullock, things could get even uglier for Jesse James if any of the 12 homemade sex tapes he allegedly made has come to light, according to Radar Online.

"Most of the tapes feature a mass amount of Nazi paraphernalia," a source who claims to have seen some of the material says. "It's all really quite disturbing. What I saw was a naked woman on her knees and Jesse in a Nazi hat waving his arm in a salute. It looked like the woman's hands were bound."

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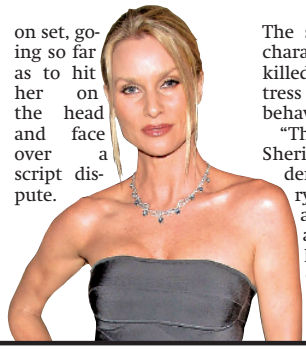
Ex-Housewife sues series creator

HEY — PAYCHECKS DON'T GROW ON TREES. RIGHT? ANYONE? Nicolette Sheridan apparently isn't thrilled with how things ended for her on Desperate Housewives, as she's now suing series creator Marc Cherry for $20 million US over allegations of assault, gender violence and wrongful termination, according to Hollyscoop.

Sheridan claims that Cherry was abusive to her on set, going so far as to hit her on the head and face over a script dispute.



The suit alleges that her character on the series was killed off because the actress complained about his behavior.

"The decision to kill off Sheridan's character demonstrates that Cherry and ABC intended to and did retaliate against Sheridan for her complaints about Cherry," according to the lawsuit.

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JOSH GROBAN isn't much to look at, **JONATHAN ROSS** is thinking about the future, and **JESSICA ALBA** is putting out quite a spread.

@joshgroban A lone paparazzi got me and my dog (again) today. Bless. I said "really exciting stuff, guy. Great job". A paycheck, my photo is not.
@wossy Just read Asimov science fiction mag. It occurs to me to ask, how long before we stop calling 'email' emails, and start calling them mail?
@jessicaalba I'm making family Sat. brunch — Chicken/Cheese Enchiladas, Guacamole, Beans, Rice and Banana Cream Pie for dessert.

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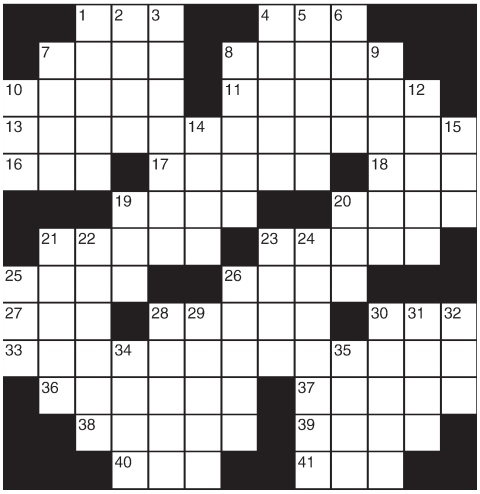

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4					9	
5	7						4	2
		2	9			1	3	
7				1	3		2	
				8				
	9		2	5				6
	4	8			5	2		
6	3						1	7
	2					8		

ACROSS

1 — Mahal
4 Mail sorting ctr.
7 Calming exercise
8 Jim Morrison's band, with "The"
10 Shaped like a dunce cap
11 Mistakes in print
13 Tumbler
16 Moment
17 Actress Parker
18 Pi follower
19 Sound quality
20 Squared
21 Suggestions
23 Compare
25 Treaty
26 City of Seven Hills
27 "Hail!"
28 Figure of speech
30 — constrictor
33 Tumbler
36 Dog
37 Sarah Palin book, "Going —"
38 Propels a gondola
39 Quite some time
40 Tournament situation
41 Parcel of land

DOWN

1 Gin partner
2 Not "fer"
3 Big win in Vegas
4 Ravine
5 "— and Bess"
6 Exam format
7 Olden days
8 Thick
9 Famish
10 LPs' successors
12 Wan
14 Charged particles
15 Trinity member
19 Stick with a kick
20 — out a living
21 Widespread destruction
22 Greenland sight
23 Aerobatic maneuver
24 Sinful
25 Chum
26 Singer LeAnn
28 With unfriendliness
29 Recipient
30 Sire
31 Responsibility
32 Corroded
34 Door handle
35 Scrubbed, NASA-style

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

8	3	2	4	6	5	9	7	1
6	9	1	3	7	2	5	8	4
4	5	7	9	1	8	2	3	6
2	8	5	6	9	3	1	4	7
7	1	9	8	5	4	3	6	2
3	4	6	1	2	7	8	9	5
1	2	3	7	8	6	4	5	9
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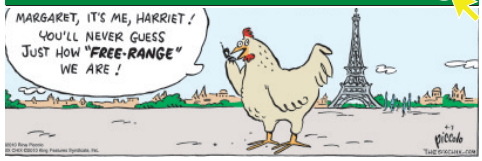

Chicken and Shrimp Jambalaya

INGREDIENTS:

100 g chorizo sausage, cut into small chunks
300 g skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into bite-sized pieces
2 cups long-grain rice
4 cups hot chicken or vegetable stock
1 bay leaf
200 g bottle tomato salsa
200 g raw, peeled tiger jumbo shrimp
3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

METHOD:

1. Heat large, deep frying pan over medium heat. Add chorizo and fry until just starting to brown. Remove with slotted spoon and set aside. Add chicken to chorizo oil and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring until lightly coloured. Remove and set aside.
2. Add rice to pan and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Pour in hot stock and add bay leaf. Reduce heat, then cover pan with lid or foil and simmer gently 5 minutes.
3. Stir chorizo and chicken into rice. Cover pan and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in salsa, jumbo shrimp and parsley, and cook 3-4 minutes or until jumbo shrimp are just cooked, most of liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender.
4. Remove bay leaf, then season; serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Some serious matters need to be dealt with and people are looking to you to take the lead. You'll do it, of course, but don't do all the hard stuff yourself.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Strive for clarity in everything. The more you keep things simple over the next 24 hours the more likely it is you will impress some Very Important People.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Focus on business and money matters today. You may be a long way behind in your financial affairs but you can easily catch up if you make an effort.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Say what you think and don't worry that some people might get angry. Life is too short. the only emotions you have control over are your own.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Pluto will stop you in your tracks today and demand answers to some serious questions. It may mean having second thoughts about something.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
There is a huge opportunity just waiting to be taken advantage of, but you can't seem to find the energy to get started. Maybe you need to question your aims.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Speak up if you disagree with what a friend or family member is proposing. They may not welcome your input now but later on they will thank you for caring.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
After the trials and tribulations of recent weeks it might be wise to find yourself a quiet place where you can get your mind together.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A sudden change of direction will be forced on you today and it will annoy you that you did not see it coming. Never mind. Life is full of twists and turns.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Accept yourself for who you are and accept others for who they are. That is the message of the stars today and if you heed it you won't go far wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If nothing else, recent developments will have made you more willing to experiment with new ideas and new ways of doing things.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Seek out people who inspire you and whose ideas are different, even radical. The world is changing at such a pace that you cannot afford to stay where you are.

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1940: Booker T. Washington becomes the first African American to be depicted on a United States postage stamp.
1948: The World Health Organization is established by the UN.
1985: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev declares a moratorium on the deployment of middle-range missiles in Europe.
1994: Massacres of Tutsis begin in Kigali, Rwanda.
2003: U.S. troops capture Baghdad; Saddam Hussein's regime falls two days later.

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